

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are presented as in the initial filing of the parent application, from which Claims 8-37 have been canceled, consistent with the restriction requirement and amendments in the parent application. Thus, Claims 1-7 are presented as they were following the final rejection in the parent case. These claims were not admitted as they were said to require a further search.

In the Response section of the final Office action, the Examiner provided guidance for amending Claim 1 to put it into condition for allowance. Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for this helpful guidance. The Examiner's suggestions included reciting that "diagnosis" does not mean medical diagnosis but rather diagnosis of the functionality of an ultrasound system, and indicating specific diagnostic information, that is, diagnostic information used for repair, maintenance, or quality improvement.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the guidance provided by the Examiner. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 and its dependent Claims 2-7 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-7 are now patentably distinct over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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